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The international conference /Cicero in Basel/ aims at charting the presence of the statesman, orator, and philosopher M. Tullius Cicero in the cultural history of Basel, the city located in the border region between Switzerland, Germany and France. While the study of Classical receptions tends to focus on particular cultural forms and discourses, the scope of the planned conference is programmatically open. *Cicero in Basel* explores a broad spectrum of engagements with Cicero through the ages: from the manuscript tradition of his works, to Humanist editions and commentaries, up to the political debates and controversies of today. In this, *Cicero in Basel* will assess Cicero's impact on the formation of a specific idea of Humanism in Basel as well as Basel's role in Cicero's *Nachleben*.

The aim of the conference is thus twofold: It seeks to contribute both to the study of Ciceronian reception and to further our understanding of the history and development of Basel and the *regio Basiliensis*. Indeed, we expect this critical survey of Ciceronian reception histories from Basel to shed light on the emergence and development of the specific idea of Humanism that to this day plays a fundamental role in the self-image and identity politics of the 'Humanistenstadt Basel'.

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